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HUGHES' MESSAGE

New York Governor Wants
New Insurance Law.

TO MANAGE DELINQUENT CO'S.

Says There Is Urgent Need of Giving Power to the State to Act Vigorously in Cases of Emergency.

Albany, N. Y., March 9.—Governor Hughes sent to the legislature the first special message of the present session, in which he recommends amendments to the Armstrong insurance law so as to give the state superintendent of insurance power to take possession of the property and affairs of insurance companies when necessary to conserve the interests of policy holders.

In his message the governor cites the recent sale of the Washington Life to the Pittsburgh Life and the carrying away of its books to Pennsylvania. He says:

"The serious delays and enormous waste connected with receiverships, both of banking and of insurance corporations, has directed attention to the advisability of providing suitable means for economical and speedy liquidation through the agency of the respective state departments."

Not only is it desirable to provide for the economical and speedy liquidation of insolvent institutions, but also to make proper provision that the superintendent of the appropriate department, where the corporation is delinquent or the interests of depositors or policy holders are in jeopardy, may at once take possession of the property of the corporation and assume charge of its affairs so that he may be in a position to conserve its assets and take such steps as will prevent unnecessary waste or spoliation.

Circumstances may make the exercise of such a power of the greatest importance to all parties interested, even though the institution may be solvent, and the exercise of such authority may frequently save a corporation from ruin and make easy the resumption of business under proper safeguards.

The protection which is sought to be given to our citizens by the supervisory powers of the state department is not complete unless the superintendent is in a position in times of emergency at once to take custody of the property of the corporation, and ample authority for this purpose should be afforded.

Certain recent transactions relating to a long established and solvent life insurance corporation have emphasized the need of such legislation. All the assets of the New York corporation appear to be claimed under a reinsurance contract by an insurance corporation of another state. Legal proceedings have been instituted attacking the transaction in question, and a receivership has been asked for. In such a case it ought to be a simple matter to secure proper custody of the property of the corporation and to take summary steps to protect the interests of the policy holders without recourse to a receivership.

Power should be given to the superintendent of insurance to take charge of insurance corporations so situated. Provision should also be made by which all arrangements for the transfer of assets from one insurance company to another with the design to bring about a practical merger or to turn over the business of the one corporation to the other should require the approval of the superintendent of insurance.

I therefore recommend that such legislation be enacted as will give to the superintendent of insurance powers with respect to taking possession of the property and affairs of insurance corporations and their liquidation, analogous to the powers conferred last year upon the superintendent of banks.

In view of the importance of the matter I respectfully urge that it receive as early attention as may be possible.

Bills carrying the governor's recommendations were introduced in the legislature by Senator Grattan and Assemblyman Hann.

BELL AERODROME FLIES.

Eight Miles in Less Than Twelve Minutes Its Latest Feat.

Raddeek, N. S., March 9.—Flying eight miles in eleven minutes and fifteen seconds, Douglas McCurdy in his big aerodrome, the Silver Dart, established a new record in a series of flights here under the general direction of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell.

After four short flights, during which the new fifty horsepower motor of the Silver Dart was found to be working in splendid shape, Mr. McCurdy decided upon a longer excursion. Starting from Dr. Bell's laboratory, he flew to Stony Island and back, passing over Baddeck harbor both on the outward journey and in returning.

The whirl of the motor and the propeller blades of the new flying machine, which is of the aeroplane type, as it passed over Baddeck attracted the entire population out of doors, and the long flight of the Dart was witnessed by thousands of people.

Liberals Win Elections in Chile. Santiago, Chile, March 9.—The general elections of members of the chamber of deputies were held throughout the republic. The Liberal party has a strong majority. There were no disorders.

Weather Probabilities. Rain or snow; colder; increasing east winds.

COLLAPSES ON TRIAL DAY.

Wealthy Joseph Janer Charged With Abducting Little Girl.

Baltimore, March 9.—Joseph M. Janer, the wealthy Brooklyn man, is in a state of collapse on this day of his trial for abducting ten-year-old Katherine Loersch, the penalty for which may be death under the Maryland law.

The law gives him the choice of being tried before a judge and jury or before three judges without a jury. Knowing that there is a strong public sentiment in favor of hanging him, Janer has elected to stand trial before three judges.

Janer lives on the income of his father's \$500,000 estate. Little Katherine Loersch, who for more than a month has been at the House of the Good Shepherd here, will tell of her leaving her Brooklyn home to come to Baltimore with the rich neighbor, whom she had come to know as Uncle Joe.

It is improbable that Mrs. Loersch, the girl's mother, will appear. Shortly after Janer's arrest here she was injured by a fall in her Brooklyn home, and it is said that she is still recuperating. Ernest Loersch, the father, will not come. He is a paralytic. The trial will probably not last long.

NEW CHARTER FOR NEW YORK

Commission Favors Abolition of the Board of Aldermen.

New York, March 9.—The report of the New York charter commission proposes fundamental changes in the old charter, and one recommendation is "that no person shall be eligible for the office of mayor unless he shall have been a resident of the city for at least ten years preceding his election and that the salary be increased to \$25,000 a year."

It is proposed to abolish the board of aldermen and in its place create a council of thirty-nine members to serve without pay. The council will have large ordinance making powers, but will have no control over the administrative business of the city or over franchises.

A marked change in the existing system is made by withdrawing from the borough presidents all administrative functions. Instead of one large mayor and five small ones there will be a single executive.

The board of education will cease to be a separate corporation and will be reduced to fifteen members. The office of coroner is abolished, and all the duties he performs are turned over to the department of health.

PLOT, SAYS TURKISH CONSUL.

Munji Bey Claims Enemies Falsely Accuse Him of Grafting.

New York, March 9.—Munji Bey, Turkish consul general at New York, denounces the charges of "graft" made against him in the petition for his removal, filed by several thousand Ottoman subjects with the Turkish ambassador at Washington, as fabrications and says he courts a full investigation of his office here by the Turkish authorities at the capital.

"The petition is part of a plot inspired by enemies of mine, and there is not a word of truth in it," said Munji Bey. "I shall give the names of my enemies to the ambassador or his representative when I hear from him and request that he take some action against them. If the ambassador does not see fit to take action I shall put the whole matter in the hands of our authorities in Constantinople."

"We do not overcharge our subjects for their passports, as alleged in the petition, and there is no way for any one to graft by taking advantage of the ignorant Syrians, Greeks or Armenians in this office."

"I am ready for a full investigation of my office in regard to this matter and shall insist that it be made," he said.

FIGHT OVER HOUSE RULES.

New Members to Meet Congressional Committee This Week.

Washington, March 9.—A reception to the new members of congress by the Republican congressional committee on Friday, at which Speaker Cannon will be present, is one of the latest developments in the maneuvers preliminary to the fight on the rules to take place when the house meets next Monday.

The so called insurgents are also preparing a preliminary move. Representative Davis of Minnesota declares that the plan for obtaining changes in the rules includes the bringing about of a deadlock on the election of speaker through the scattering of votes by the insurgents.

Other insurgents, however, declare there will be no fight against Mr. Cannon, but that their efforts will be concentrated on a plan to vote down the motion for the usual previous question on the motion to adopt the rules of the Sixtieth congress.

It is understood that Speaker Cannon will make a speech at the reception in which he will advance arguments in favor of the present rules.

BANKERS GET STAY

Supreme Court Keeps Them
From Sing Sing.

IN JAIL, BUT HOPING FOR BAIL

Colonel Britton and Quarantine Commissioner Schroeder Are Under Sentence of One to Four Years.

New York, March 9.—Colonel Edward E. Britton and Quarantine Commissioner Frederick H. Schroeder, formerly president and second vice president, respectively, of the Eagle Savings and Loan company of Brooklyn, who were convicted of grand larceny in the first degree and sentenced to indeterminate terms in Sing Sing by Supreme Court Justice Jaycox, have got a stay from Justice Marean.

Justice Marean granted an order directing the district attorney to show cause why a certificate of reasonable doubt should not be granted in the case of the two men.

This order stays the transfer of the prisoners to Sing Sing until the court passes upon the question of granting the certificate, and until that is decided they will be locked up in Raymond street jail.

Britton was sentenced to an indeterminate term of from fourteen months to four years and a half. Schroeder escaped with a somewhat smaller indeterminate term—from one year to four years. The maximum penalty for the crime is ten and a half years.

It was alleged that the prisoners used \$47,000 of the company's funds to finance a mining venture. After the discovery of the thefts the two men resigned from the company, and Colonel Britton made restitution of \$5,000 or \$6,000.

Colonel Britton was one of the best known national guard officers in the country. He was regarded as an authority on military tactics and wrote a number of books on the subject. He is a gold medalist of the Military Service Institute. He commanded the regiment which was organized to take the place of the Fourteenth regiment in Brooklyn when the latter command was ordered into the government service in the Spanish war. Later he became adjutant general on the staff of General James McLeer, commanding the Second brigade, resigning several years ago.

Frederick H. Schroeder has been quarantine commissioner in this port for several years. He has long been prominent in Republican politics in Brooklyn and is the Republican leader in the Sixth assembly district.

CUBAN PRISONS OPENED.

General Amnesty Bill Releases Over Eight Hundred Persons.

Havana, March 9.—In accordance with the provisions of the general amnesty bill, recently passed by the legislature and signed by President Gomez, the courts of Havana have issued orders for the release of upward of 800 prisoners.

These include Juan Maso Parra, sentenced to four years for conspiracy against the provisional government, and the negro Colonel Aco, reputed to be the most desperate criminal in Cuba, who was serving a cumulative sentence of ninety-eight years for homicide, robbery and frequent attempts to break jail. Several hundred other prisoners were released in various parts of the island.

NEW BALDWIN CLAIMANT.

Sister of the Plunger Wants Share in \$28,000,000 Estate.

Racine, Wis., March 9.—A claim for a share in the \$28,000,000 estate of "Lucky" Baldwin, who died last week in California, is made by Mrs. Mary Morin of Freeport, Ill., who asserts that she is a sister of the plunger.

Mrs. Morin says that her mother had fifteen children, two of whom, herself and "Lucky," were full brother and sister, and the remaining children were half-brothers and half-sisters.

The stepmother of Mrs. Morin and Baldwin made life miserable for the children, and she was especially abusive to Baldwin. He withstood her actions as long as was possible until one day he left home, vowing that he would never again call his stepmother a relative of his. From that day until the day of his death he never went to the old home nor did he see his sister, Mrs. Morin.

Mrs. Morin says that her brother was born at Hamilton, Ill., and when she was very young the family moved to New Diggings, Wis., a mining town, where their father located as a miner and where "Lucky" received his first knowledge of the mining business, which made him so wealthy in later years.

McCLAIN'S WARNING.

Ex-Speaker Says That Charitable Appropriations Are Running Too High.

Ex-Speaker Frank McClain has made a statement in which he called attention to the heavy increase of appropriations to local charities, those which are either private or partly so. He says that in 1877 such appropriations were but \$135,000.

"In 1887 this class of appropriations amounted to \$578,275; in 1897 to \$1,702,561, and in 1907 investigation discloses that the State's benefactions to institutions not under its control and purely local in character to the enormous sum of \$6,800,000, practically 50 times as much as was appropriated in 1877. Of the annual appropriations in 1907, \$1,400,000 was for maintenance and \$2,100,000 for buildings. The State revenues in 30 years, from 1877 to 1907, multiplied a trifle over three-fold and appropriations to institutions, with which the State has no direct concern, have multiplied in the corresponding time virtually fifty-fold."

"These facts suggest that the time is approaching, if it has not already arrived, when revenues must be increased or this class of appropriations reduced. The fixed charges of the State government are naturally increasing with increase in population and development, and it is useless to talk of reduction in this direction. The demand for public improvements—good roads, etc.—is becoming more insistent in each succeeding session of the general assembly, and good roads and more money are synonymous terms at the present time. The work of the State Department of Health has so commended itself to the people of the Commonwealth that on all sides is heard the cry, 'make it broader.'"

"Unexpended balances of appropriations made in 1907 and a surplus of \$2,000,000 may raise the revenues to \$46,000,000 or \$47,000,000 as the outside figure that can be appropriated, \$4,000,000 less than the appropriations of 1907."

CITIZEN'S 5 MILE RACE

How to Train.

For all who may contemplate entering these races, the following suggestions are important:

Long walks and slow jogging should always be given a course of training for distant running. Whenever a difficulty in breathing is felt, the athlete should walk until his powers of respiration have recovered. He should never sit or stand around uncovered, but as soon as his work is done, cover up warmly until an opportunity to be rubbed down is given him, and then dry, warm clothes should follow.

While running, the athlete should stop just as soon as he feels a pain in his side, or the front part of his lower leg becomes sore.

The diet should be simple, sleep abundant. Omit tobacco, all alcoholic liquors, tea, coffee, pickles, pastry, dumplings and the like.

The time to start to prepare for the run is now. Do not wait, but pitch in and get the winter's stiffness out of the muscles.

Further advice will be given from time to time within the next few weeks.

For additional information watch the columns of this paper. In a few days detailed announcement of the necessary steps to enter will be made. In the meantime those desiring to enter can do so by communicating with THE CITIZEN.

Animated Pictures and Vaudeville.

The success of the new venture made by the management of the popular Lyric, is assured beyond a doubt. Saturday evening the theatre was crowded to the doors at times, which in itself proves that the bill presented was a strong one. For this week there is a still larger and stronger program offered. The combination of vaudeville acts is composed of Martin & Fabbrini, "The Kiddies" in a very clever song, Dance & Quick Changing Specialty; Queen Dora, in a beautiful Serpentine Dance, accompanied by an elegant electrical display; English, The Hoop Man; New Animated Pictures (that are changed each date) and some of the very latest Illustrated Songs.

Although the above numbers make up an extra large program, the same low prices will prevail during the entire week, 10 and 20 cents.

Performances take place on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and evenings, one taking place in the afternoon 2.30, and two at night at 7.30 and 9.00. The Lyric Orchestra will be present at all evening performances.

Irving Slater, son of Samuel Slater, a former resident of Honesdale, now living in Carbondale, was accidentally shot on Sunday afternoon while playing with a companion. The wound is not serious.

OBITUARY.

Patrick Caffrey died suddenly Monday morning, March 1st, of heart failure, at Union, N. Y., where he was employed by the Union Forging Co. His remains were taken to Hancock on Tuesday for interment on Wednesday, in St. Paul's cemetery, after services, including a requiem high mass in the church. Mr. Caffrey was born at Stockport, Buckingham township, and was 45 years of age. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Martin Moran, of Hancock; and three brothers, John F., of Lanesboro; Terrence, of Middletown, and Thomas, of Bramans, this county.

Herbert Westfall died very suddenly at the home of his sister, Mrs. Stephen S. Carey, in Syracuse, N. Y., where he was employed, on Wednesday, March 3d, of heart trouble, resulting from a recent illness of pneumonia. Deceased was born at Westfall, near Rowland, Pike county, Aug. 2, 1860, and was the son of James and Esther Westfall. He is survived by his father, and three brothers, Wilbur, of Rowland, Edgar and Elmer, of Port Jervis; two sisters, Claudia, wife of Stephen S. Carey, of Syracuse, and Miss Myrtle Westfall, of Port Jervis. The remains were taken to Port Jervis for interment.

Lewis Molusky died at his home in Port Jervis on Friday evening, March 5, 1909, of general debility, aged 75 years, 7 months and 14 days. He came to the United States from Germany thirty-five years ago, and located at Callicoon, N. Y., removing to Port Jervis in 1891. His wife, four sons, Charles, of Port Jervis; Fred, of Callicoon; Gustave, of Mast Hope, and August, of Waterbury, Conn.; and two daughters, Mrs. Paulina Freiburger, of Callicoon, and Mrs. Florence Hermann, of New York city, survive him.

Mrs. Sarah Smith, born in Monroe county, widow of Hiram Smith, died in Port Jervis, on Saturday last, aged 64 years. Her husband died about four years ago. She is survived by nine children, among them being Franklin Smith, of Hawley. The remains were taken to Bushkill, Pa., for interment in Sand Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Homer Crampton, from 1897 to 1899 teacher of the Fifth Grade in the Honesdale Graded Schools, as Miss Mabel E. Perley, died of typhoid pneumonia, at her home at East Berkshire, Vermont, on Wednesday, March 3, 1909, after a few days' illness. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband and a child three years old, her parents and one sister. The funeral services were held on Saturday morning, at Calvary Church, East Berkshire. While living in Honesdale Miss Perley boarded at the home of L. S. Collins, on 11th street. She was a very prepossessing and vivacious young lady, and made many warm friends who will be greatly grieved to hear of her early death.

Simeon Middaugh, aged 73 years, died at Hoadley, March 6th, 1909, after a protracted illness. He was born in Pike county and always commanded the confidence and respect of those with whom he was associated throughout his long life. He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife and two sons, Elmer, of Honesdale, and Charles, of California. The funeral services were held yesterday, conducted by Rev. W. H. Hiller, and the remains were taken to Hawley for interment.

Benjamin Chapman Baldwin, a former resident of Honesdale, died suddenly at his home in St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday, Feb. 22, 1909, aged 87 years. Elder Baldwin, as he was generally called, in recognition of his relation to the Presbyterian church, was born at Durham, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1821. He chose surveying as his profession on attaining manhood, and when, in 1848 or 1849, the late John Torrey, who had charge of all the public lands of Wayne and Pike, and thousands of acres in Susquehanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Columbia and Montour counties, found it necessary to add another to his office force Mr. Baldwin was installed in the position. He remained in Mr. Torrey's employ about six years, during which time he identified himself with the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, and acquired a high social position in this community. In 1855 he removed to Minnesota and in June, 1858, was married to Miss Atkinson. Last June the venerable pair, with their children, grandchildren and friends, celebrated their golden wedding. After locating in Minnesota, Mr. Baldwin engaged in the land and surveying business at Lake City, handling among other large tracts, 10,000 acres belonging to the estate of his former employer, the late John Torrey. In 1873 he removed to St. Paul, where for thirty years he was chief clerk in the United States

Surveyor General's office. He retired from active business about two years ago. Besides his wife, Mr. Baldwin leaves four children, Stephen Torrey Baldwin, of Washington, D. C.; Prof. Samuel A. Baldwin, of New York; Mrs. Henry A. Merrill, and Miss Clara F. Baldwin, of St. Paul.

Mrs. Franklin A. Seely, second wife of the late Col. F. A. Seely, eldest son of the late Richard L. Seely, for many years president of the Honesdale Bank, died very suddenly in Washington, D. C., on Sunday last, aged 50 years. The remains will be temporarily placed in a receiving vault in Washington, and eventually brought here for interment in Glen Dyer cemetery, by the side of her husband, who died Feb. 6, 1895. A more extended notice will appear in a succeeding issue of THE CITIZEN.

Dreher

MARCH 8.—More snow, more mud and water, with occasional cold snaps, assure us that March is taking her place in the line of fickle weather, if the preceding ones ever set an example. It will be some time before we will hear the tinkle of the cow and sheep bells out on the pasture, and the prospect is not encouraging for early garden makers. Whether such a mild winter is good for the soil and production of big crops of grain and grass, we can note later.

Richard Bortree is preparing to build a dwelling house for himself and family, on a vacant lot belonging to John Buchter. It is opposite the C. A. Seig house, now used as a public school building.

The creamery ice house, also that of Dr. Gilpin, has been filled with ice brought from East Branch pond, in Pike county. C. A. Seig had the contract to cut and put in the ice.

No mail in or out of Newfoundland on Friday, on account of bad drifted roads.

Albert George, residing in Dreher, took his pork—several hams and shoulders—over to the residence of Arthur Akers, in Sterling, and put it in his smoke house, to be given the customary smoking. On Friday night, February 26th, the smoke house was broken open and the meat carried away. "Squire A. C. Howe, of Sterling, issued a warrant, and a suspected family in the neighborhood had their house and premises searched by constable J. B. Krauter and two assistants; but they failed to locate any of the stolen meat.

A middle aged man named George Stutler, hailing from Plymouth Pa., has been working for Charles Rockle, of Dreher, for some time, cutting mine ties. On Wednesday of last week one of the State constabulary dropped into this vicinity from somewhere, and after a little chat with George, he read a warrant for his arrest for having jumped a \$40 board bill in the vicinity of Plymouth. It was late in the afternoon when the arrest was made and no look-up nearer than Hawley or Scranton. State constable headquarters at Wyoming, Pa., was called up on the phone, and instructions sent back to lock up the prisoner over night and bring him to headquarters next day to answer the charge aforesaid. George has a wife and children somewhere, who would like to hear from him.

The Union Ladies' Aid Society were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Hause, on Wednesday, March 3d. Some thirty persons, old and young, were present, and the collection amounted to \$4.15. The next meeting of the society will be held at the residence of Mrs. Charles Hazelton, on St. Patrick's day, March 17th, in the morning.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of South Sterling, will give an entertainment in the Evangelical Church, on Friday evening, March 12th, to aid in buying a new library for the Graded School. On the same date, an oyster supper will be held in the I. O. O. F. Hall, adjoining the church, the proceeds to go to the library fund. Nearly everyone in the township is interested in the Graded School and the affair promises to be worthy of patronage.



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